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Applicant: Min Xie et al.

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Applicants respectfully petition to accord a receipt date of a stamped received postcard to the previously submitted references. Applicants mailed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with attachments AA-AD and a return postcard on October 24, 2001. The postcard was stamped received on February 5, 2002. A copy of the stamped received postcard is submitted herewith. As evidenced by the postcard, attachments AA-AD were received on February 5, 2002. Applicants received an Office Action dated October 3, 2002, in which Applicants learned that the previously filed references were not matched up with the application. and accordingly the IDS filed February 5, 2002 has not been considered. Submitted herewith are copies of references AA-AD. Applicants respectfully petition that the herewith submitted references be accorded a receipt date of February 5, 2002, and that the IDS filed February 5, 2002 be considered without payment of any fees. Applicants believe that no fee is due for this petition, but if a fee is due, then please charge the petition fee to Deposit Account 01-2384.

If the above petition is not granted, then Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge \$180.00 to Deposit Account 01-2384 under 37 CFR 1.17(p) for filing an IDS prior to a Final Office Action or Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)) and request entry and consideration of a Form 1449 IDS herewith submitted with the above mentioned AA-AD references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any deficiencies in the enclosed fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2384. *A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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